GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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Availability of Cancer Drugs
Rai Shri Nityanand

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:
(a) whether 374 cancer medicines available in the market are being sold arbitrarily, if so, the details thereof; and
(b) whether the Government proposes to allow fixation of the prices of the said 374 drugs by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority so that these medicines may be made available to patients at fair prices, if so, by when?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)
(a) & (b): All medicines specified in the National List of Essential Medicines 2015 (NLEM) have been included in the First Schedule of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, (DPCO) 2013, for the purpose of price regulation. National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority has fixed the ceiling prices in respect of 530 scheduled medicines (including 47 for Cancer) on market based pricing methodology as enunciated in the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Policy, (NPPP) 2012. For non-scheduled formulations, there is no control over the launch price. In respect of medicines not under price control, manufacturers are allowed to increase Maximum Retail Price (MRP) by 10% annually.
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